(c) J From time to time, different political parties have been giving expression to their views on electoral reforms. Government's intention is to consult the political parties before deciding upon the electoral reforms.

Transfer of Technology from U.S.S.R.

454 SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S.S.R. have offered Transfer of Technology in a number of spheres;

(b) if so, the details of such off. and

(c) the progress so far made with regard to discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) These include areas of Metallurgical and Materials, Chemical, Electronics and Computer, Building, Biomedical, and Electrical and Power industry. Agreements have been reached in some of the cases.

Electoral reforms

455. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since finalised its proposals for the electoral reforms; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Popular Resistance Against Missile Test Range at Baliapal in Orissa

456. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased tO state:

(a) whether it is a fact that popular resist mee to the proposal for establishing National Test Range at Baliapal and Bhagroi Blocks of Balasore district of Orissa is persistently growing; and

(b) if so, whethe- Government will reconsider the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MIN'STRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No Sir, there is no change in the Govenment decision regarding setting up of National Test Ringe at Baliapal in district 3alasore Orissa.

Iodised Salt

457. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH; Wll the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stats:

(a) whether Government are aware that iodised salt is beinh sold at a price highe- than ordinary salt;

(b) whethe- Government are aware that poorer sections are not buying iodised due to higher prree and also due to lack of knowledge; and

(c) whether Govenment would ensvre that 'both the types of slt ire sold at fne satie price?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMIT.V WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): fa) to According to statis-ticji available with the Salt Commissioner, the trricss of Iodised salt is marginally higher than common salt are comparable. In order to maintain the prices of iodised salt, Governmen* of Indip, is nroviding ino per cent subsidv toward, the cost of Potassium Todate, the chemical usej for ioclation of salt.